

His L^{dsp} gives this board to understand and be informed Liber R. that M^r George Buttler late Clark of the Provinciaall Court had lately at severall times and once more especially at the house of the hon^{ble} William Digges Esq^r most grossly and notoriously abused his L^{dspp} in publick uttering most scandalous and opprobrious speeches reflecting both upon his L^{dspp} and his ffather of Noble memory to the derogation of their hono^{rs} and breach of his L^{dspps} peace as by the Deposition of Joshua Doyne high sheriff of the County of S^t Maries taken before the hon^{ble} W^m Digges Esq^r w^{ch} his L^{dspp} produced and ordered to be read as also a scandalous Letter written by the said Buttler to his L^{dsp} the last night which was also read; and Command given to the Sheriff to have the said George Butler forthwith before this board. The Sheriff according to order bringeth the said George Buttler to whom the Deposition of Joshua Doyne and his owne Letter aforementioned are read and be thereupon examined what he had to say in his Defence.

He Denyes the contents of the Deposition in manner and forme as is therein alledged but refuseth to give any further answer.

Ordered that the Sheriff of S^t Maries County take into his Custody the said George Buttler and him safely keepe untill further ord^r from his L^{dspp} or this board.

At a Councill held at the City of S^t Maries the 31th Day of March Anno Dmi. 1683:

the hon ^{ble}	{	The R ^t hon ^{ble} the Lord Prop ^{ry}	Present
		Majo ^r Nicholas Sewall	
		M ^r John Darnall	

A Petition exhibited by Augustine Herman being as foll (viz.)

To the R^t hon^{ble} Charles Absolute Lord and Prop^{ry} of the Province of Maryland

With humble Reverence Complaineth Augustine Herman soe for himself as in the behalf of more other suffering neighbours

That whereas now more then heretofore, not onely horses p. 349 and hoggs but also Cowes and other Cattle are driven away & taken out of their usuall Range, or walk, and also of and from the Owners owne grounds by diverse wicked psons